

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

DORETHA TAPLIN,)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	No. 1:19-cv-172
-v-)	
)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,)	
Defendant.)	
)	

ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

This is an action pursuant to Section 405(g) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(g), to review a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying Plaintiff's claim for Supplemental Security Income under Title XVI of the Social Security Act. On October 4, 2019, United States Magistrate Judge Ellen S. Carmody issued a Report & Recommendation ("R&R") recommending that the Court affirm the Commissioner's decision (ECF No. 21). This matter is now before the Court on Plaintiff's objection to the R&R (ECF No. 22). For the reasons to be discussed, the Court will overrule the objection and adopt the R&R as the Opinion of the Court.

With respect to a dispositive motion, a magistrate judge issues a report and recommendation, rather than an order. After being served with a report and recommendation (R&R) issued by a magistrate judge, a party has fourteen days to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). A district court judge reviews de novo the portions of the R&R to which objections have been filed. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

Only those objections that are specific are entitled to a de novo review under the statute. *Mira v. Marshall*, 806 F.2d 636, 637 (6th Cir. 1986) (per curiam) (holding the district court need not provide de novo review where the objections are frivolous, conclusive, or too general because the burden is on the parties to “pinpoint those portions of the magistrate’s report that the district court must specifically consider”). Failure to file an objection results in a waiver of the issue and the issue cannot be appealed. *United States v. Sullivan*, 431 F.3d 976, 984 (6th Cir. 2005); *see also Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 155 (upholding the Sixth Circuit’s practice). The district court judge may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings and recommendations made by the magistrate judge. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

In this case, Plaintiff generally objects to the R&R’s disposition of her claim, but does not pinpoint any specific objections or errors in the R&R. This Court is not required to address a vague or general objection. *See Mira*, 806 F.2d at 637. However, the Court has reviewed the R&R and finds no error. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that the October 4, 2019 R&R (ECF No. 21) is **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED** as the opinion of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff’s objection to the R&R (ECF No. 22) is **OVERRULED**.

JUDGMENT TO FOLLOW.

Date: October 16, 2019

/s/ Paul L. Maloney
Paul L. Maloney
United States District Judge